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FORTHCOMING HISTORY OF DENTISTRY IN MICHIGAN

¶/ Robert M. Warner's article "Early Dentistry in Michigan," published in the Journal of the Michigan State Dental Association (41:237-242 Sept. 1959)is Chapter I of the History of the Michigan State Dental Association to be published in bookform. This first chapter is mostly concerned with the very earliest practitioners in the state, whose careers are sketched.

HONORS FOR J. MENZIES CAMPBELL

¶/ A new lecture has been instituted by the Royal College of Surgeons in honor of J. Menzies Campbell, the historian of dentistry. The first lecture so named was given by Robert Bradlaw July 23, 1959 and titled "Gaudeamus Igitur." Dr. Bradlaw sketches the development of dentistry in Great Britain.

Dr. Campbell has been invited to present a paper at the Dublin meeting of the F.D.I., but will be unable to attend. His well-known collection of specimens and historical documents, however, will be open for inspection in Glasgow, on the occasion of the Centennial celebration of the Edinburgh Dental Hospital and School (formerly the Dispensary) in July 1960.

IN HONOR OF HORACE WELLS

¶/ A proposal to make the birthplace of Horace Wells, the discoverer of nitrous-oxide anesthesia, a permanent memorial in his honor is being sponsored by the A.A.H.D. At the last meeting of the Academy at New York Sept. 1959, a committee was appointed with Harry B. McCarthy, dean of Baylor University Dental School, as chairman. Hartford, Vermont, is the site of Wells' home.

HISTORY OF ARTICULATORS

¶/ Under the title "The Development of the Articulator from its Earliest Form" (Dutch) A.A.D. Dirksen has contributed an extensive history of that instrument with many illustrations in Tandtechnisch Vakblad (4:2-6 Dec. 1958;5:2-9 Jan. 1959;25-27 Feb. 1959;34-40 March 1959;53-57 April 1959;69-71 May 1959;98-99 July 1959;111-114 Aug. 1959; 126-131 Sept. 1959;179-184 Nov. 1959).

APOLLONIANA

¶/ An edition to Apolloniana appears in Odontologisk Revy 10:386-388 1959, consisting of a woodcut of date 1493, with Latin text. The article is titled "S:ta APOLLONIABILD fran ar 1493" by Ake B. Löfgren.

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* * This number was issued in February 1960.

AN OLD ERROR CORRECTED

P/ Ursula Heckman's article "Kieferorthopädische Behandlungsgeräte" (Orthodontic treatment appliances) in Deutsche Stomatologie, 9:851-858 Oct. 1959, repeats an old error in the historical section. An illustration of an orthodontic appliance is labeled "Fauchard's 1728" and is ascribed to the German version of Angle's Malocclusion of the Teeth. Angle asserted, and Weinberger repeated the statement, that Fauchard introduced the expansion arch and practiced epansion of the dental arch. The illustration given is actually that of Bourdet (1757). Angle's statement was corrected in a report to the I.A.D.R. in 1949 (George B. Denton, "The Origin of Expansion in Orthodontic Treatment."28:660 J. D. Res. December 1949). It was there pointed out that Fauchard's appliance consisted of a short piece of metal which never extended over more than four teeth and hence could in no sense have expanded the arch. It was also emphasized that none of the 18th century practitioners attempted to expand the arch. Instead, they reduced the tooth substance, by filing and extraction, so that it could be accommodated in the existing arch. The principle of expansion was probably first stated by John Hunter in 1771 and the first appliances for the purpose of expansion were introduced by Schange and Lefoulon in 1841.

FAUCHARD'S RESIDENCE

P/ L'Information Dentaire (41:739-746 June 25, 1959) publishes a detailed account of the exercises held June 7 on the occasion of the marking of Fauchard's country estate with a commemorative plaque, reading (in French):

Here lived
Pierre Fauchard
(1678-1761)
Surgeon-dentist of Paris
Author of the Treatise
"The Surgeon-Dentist"
Published in 1728

Universally considered
as being the creator of
Modern Dentistry

The National Council
of the Order of Surgeon-dentists

When the editor was in Paris two years ago, he was fortunate enough to receive from Georges Dagen, the dean of French historians (and an honorary member of the A.A.H.D.) a collection of notes and hand-drawn maps setting forth all particulars with regard to the chateau Grand-Mesnil, the result of Monsieur Dagen's scholarship and research. Although little is known about Fauchard's life, the complete history of his residences is now available for students.